

December 8, 1982

Memo to File:

RE: Field Tour  
Office Meeting  
White River Shale Corporation  
White River Shale Project  
ACT/047/017  
Uintah County, Utah

On November 11, 1982, Susan Linner, Tom Portle and Tom Tetting represented the Division on a field inspection of the White River Shale Project. They were accompanied by James Godlove of White River. Mr. Don Johnson of the Oil Shale Office was also present.

Mr. Godlove informed Division representatives of a need to exploit acreage beyond the 110 acre limit for the first increment of phase 1. This was due to conceptual problems pertaining to a narrow band philosophy development while field realities seem to dictate a need for a more "squared-off" approach to allow adequate room for operations. Contributing to this problem were unfinalized designs of the runoff retention pond (additional acreage is necessary for grouting, for a bypass road in this area and a seepage pond), power company demands for additional space at the substation, MSHA demands for additional acreage to provide a safer location of the temporary explosives magazine, and a need to develop the solid-waste-landfill.

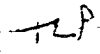
All of the above areas were visited during the tour. Other areas inspected included the topsoil stockpiles, future sewage treatment plant location, mine service building location, sewage lagoon, decline shaft development site, concrete batch plant and temporary administrative trailer site (future site of decline vent raise).

Work was in progress on the final grade of the construction soil stockpile southeast of the mine service building. More soil was to be placed in the canyon above the high water mark at the runoff retention pond site. A third stockpile will occur east of the access road (near the guard shed). As of the inspection no seeding or mulching had occurred at any of the stockpiles.

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Areas of Concern

1. The road currently is used to channel runoff to the depression in the future runoff retention pond site. Grading activities had blocked many channels which convey runoff from the mine area to the road. It was requested that these obstructions be removed and that in the future these areas are not blocked.
2. The third stockpile mentioned above is not an approved long term stockpile (see August 20, 1982 "Topsoil Management Plan").
3. The general area between the concrete batch plant and the decline vent raise is used for a temporary site of administrative trailers as previously mentioned. This area was being used without the benefit of topsoil removal, structures were in place, vehicles (including heavy equipment) were being parked and/or driven over the native soil. This is a violation of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 Title 40-8. This practice must cease and should not be repeated.
4. An unauthorized disturbance has occurred along the "White River Flood Plain". This and a well at this site which according to a November 16, 1982, OSO memo was not drilled as per the approved plan are apparent permit violations.

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